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TO: Wisconsin Municipal Clerks
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SUBJECT: Badger Book Purchasing and Borrowing Processes – 2020 Elections

The Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) is making Badger Books available to purchase for the 2020 elections. The WEC will also continue the Badger Book Borrowing Program for the February 18 Spring Primary, as well as the August 11 Partisan Primary.

Purchasing

The window to place a Badger Book order will be from October 1 – October 31. Municipalities that purchase, will do so directly to Paragon Development Service (PDS), the provider of the Badger Book hardware. We will provide additional information and instructions to place an order as the purchasing window draws near. For your information, listed below are the current expected costs associated with purchasing as provided by PDS. Direct quotes will be provided to each interested municipality by PDS. If your municipality is interested in purchasing Badger Books, please click on the link at the conclusion of this communication to complete a brief survey.

Package 1 – Badger Book with Integrated Column Printer

- \$1880.00 per Badger Book Station
- \$228.00 per Polling Place (router, thermal receipt paper, and USB Device)

Package 2 – Badger Book with Stand-Alone Printer

- \$1904.00 per Badger Book Station
- \$193.00 per Polling Place (router, thermal receipt paper, and USB Device)

Borrowing

Due to the anticipated turnout for the April and November elections, the WEC will not offer an opportunity to borrow Badger Books for those elections. However, WEC will offer the opportunity to borrow Badger Books for the February 18 Spring Primary and the August 11 Partisan Primary. There are a limited number of Badger Books to lend per election. If your municipality is interested in participating in the Badger Book Borrowing Program, please click on the link at the conclusion of this communication to complete a brief survey.

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Device Information

Two Badger Book configurations are available for borrowing and purchasing, and both packages include HP's ElitePOS G1 8GB retail unit as the main piece of hardware. The data sheet for this device is attached. Each package also contains a 2-D barcode scanner, thermal receipt printing functionality, Windows 10 Pro, a wireless keyboard and mouse, and PDS configuration services. A per polling place package includes a wireless router, a secure USB, thermal receipt paper, and configuration services.

Badger Books with an integrated column printer are about two inches taller and will require more frequent printer paper replacement, however they do not need to be manually connected to the ElitePOS unit (Badger Book Tower) with a cord, unlike the Badger Book stand-alone unit.

The WEC will be exploring additional hardware options for Badger Book implementation AFTER the 2020 Elections. All current Badger Book models will continue to be supported into the future, regardless of whether or not the WEC decides on a new Badger Book model.

In an effort to gauge interest for purchasing and borrowing (February and August only) Badger Books, we request all interested municipalities click the link below and complete the survey. **The purchasing and borrowing survey will close at 5:00 p.m. on June 21, 2019.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3Y9XHDC>

Should municipalities choose to purchase or borrow Badger Books for use in 2020 elections, WEC staff will be in contact regarding implementation, training, etc., to ensure they have the support necessary for a successful implementation.

If you have additional questions about the Badger Book Borrowing or Purchasing Programs, please contact the WEC Help Desk at (608) 261-2028 or elections@wi.gov. If you have technical hardware questions, please contact Dana Berner at (262) 569-5366 or teamgovedu@pdsit.net.